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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: **SAKAI, Kenichiro**

Group Art Unit: 2623

Serial No.: 09/475,991

Examiner: **Jon Carlton Chang**

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FOR: **DOCUMENT IMAGE PROCESSING DEVICE, DOCUMENT IMAGE MERGING METHOD, AND STORAGE MEDIUM RECORDING A DOCUMENT IMAGE MERGING PROGRAM**

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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR §1.111

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July 21, 2003

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated **February 20, 2003**, extended to **July 21, 2003** by a **two (2)** month Petition for Extension of Time since July 20, 2003 is a Sunday, please amend the above-identified application as follows: